

Invitation



Guruvayur fest



August 14, 15, 16, 2025
Municipal Town Hall, Guruvayur



Natyaveda

Natyaveda delightfully invites
you to the first edition of

Guruvayur fest



For over 25 years, Natyaveda has been a vital cultural force in Kerala, nurturing and promoting Indian art forms and fostering meaningful artistic dialogue. Now, addressing the long-felt need for a destination cultural festival in the state, in the silver jubilee year we are proud to announce the launch of “**Natyaveda National Destination Dance Festival**” — a landmark event, set in the sacred soil of **Guruvayur**, Kerala's spiritual heart.

This three-day celebration of **Mohiniyattam**, Kerala's own classical dance form, will be held from **August 14th to 16th** at the **Municipal Town Hall, Guruvayur**.

Dancers and scholars from around the world will gather to present, perform and participate in this immersive experience. The festival is not only a stage for performance but a space for learning. Workshops will delve into the nuances of Mohiniyattam, its diverse styles and its evolving repertoire — igniting curiosity and inspiring a new generation of artists.

Natyaveda has immense pleasure to announce the inception of “**NATYAVEDA PURASKARAM**”, a lifetime achievement award to those who have dedicated their life to art and culture. The recipient of the first **NATYAVEDA PURASKARAM** is none other than the legendary **Padma Vibhushan Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam**, for her unparalleled contribution to Indian Classical Dance. The Inauguration of the Festival also will be done by her.

Curated by acclaimed filmmaker, writer and art critic **Shri. Vinod Mankara**, the festival aspires to become a cultural pilgrimage — where devotion, dance and dialogue meet.

With immense pleasure and anticipation, we invite you to be a part of this extraordinary cultural event. Your presence will enrich this celebration of our shared heritage.

Kalamandalam Sony
Director, Natyaveda

Inaugural function

14-08-2025, 4.30 PM

Prayer

Keynote Address and

Welcome Speech : **Sundar Melayil** (Secretary, Natyaveda)

Presidential Address : **Shri. N. K. Akbar** (MLA, Guruvayur)

Presentation of

Natyaveda Puraskaram to : **Padma Vibhushan**
Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam

By **Guru Shri. Sadanam Krishnankutty**

Inaugural and

Acknowledgement Speech : **Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam**

Laudatory speech : **Shri. Sadanam Krishnankutty**

Gurupooja to : **Guru Smt. Kala Vijayan**

By **Kalamandalam Sony**

(Director, Natyaveda)

Acknowledgement Speech : **Guru Smt. Kala Vijayan**

Felicitation to

Dr. Neena Prasad : **Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam**

Felicitation to

Dr. Sadanam Krishnankutty : **Surendran Kannatt**
(Chairman, Festival Directorate)

Felicitation speech : **Shri. M. Krishnadas** (Chairman, Guruvayoor
Municipality and Chairman,
Guruvayoor Fest Organizing Committee)

Shri K. P. Udayan (Opp. Leader, Guruvayoor
Municipality and Co-Chairman,
Guruvayoor Fest Organizing Committee)

Curator's Note : **Vinod Mankara** (Curator, Guruvayur Fest)

Vote of Thanks : **K. Vijayachandran** (President, Natyaveda)

~~~~~*Performance of the Day*~~~~~

Introducing artists: Vinod Mankara, Festival Curator

5.30 pm : **Malavika Menon**

7.00 pm : **Dr. Neena Prasad**

15/08/2025, 4.30 PM

Prayer

Welcome Speech : **Shri. K. Vijayachandran**
(President, Natyaveda)

Presidential Address : **Adv. Nivedita Subramanian**
(BJP President, Thrissur North Dist.)

Inauguration : **Shri. N K Premachandran**
(MP, Kollam)

Guruvandanam : **Dr. Kalamandalam Sugandhi**
By **Smt. Abhradita Banerjee**
(Principal, Natyaveda College)

Felicitation speech : **Shri. Rafeeq Ahamed**
(Poet, Lyricist)

Dr. Rajesh Kumar

Dr. Sandhya Menon

Vote of Thanks : **Smt. Abhradita Banerjee**
(Principal, Natyaveda College)

~~~~~*Performance of the Day*~~~~~

Introducing artists: Vinod Mankara, Festival Curator

5.30 pm : **Gayathri Madhusudan**

7.00 pm : **Dr. Sunanda Nair**

## *Valedictory function*

16-08-2025, 4.30 PM

Prayer

Blessings by : **Shri. Chennas Dinesan Namboodirippad**  
(Thanthri, Guruvayoor Temple)

Keynote Address : **Dr. Rajashree Warriar**  
Dancer, Vice Chairperson,  
Guru Gopinath Natana Gramam

Inauguration : **Shri Mattannoor Sankarankutty**  
Chairman,  
Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi

Inaugural Speech : **Shri Mattannoor Sankarankutty**

Guruvandanam : **Padmashri Kalamandalam Kshemavathy**  
By **Kalamandalam Shakhi Kishor**,  
(Course Co-ordinator, Natyaveda)

Felicitation Note : **Padmakumar P.**  
**K. U. Krishnakumar**

Distribution of Certificates : **Kalamandalam Kshemavathy**

Summing up of Festival : **Shri. Vinod Mankara**  
(Curator, Guruvayur Fest)

Vote of Thanks : **Sundar Melayil** (Secretary, Natyaveda)

## ◆◆◆◆◆ *Performance of the Day* ◆◆◆◆◆

Introducing artists: Vinod Mankara, Festival Curator

5.30 pm : **Sandra Pisharody**

7.00 pm : **Gopika Varma**

*Best Wishes*



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